

Garvanza is a neighborhood in northeast Los Angeles. It is generally considered a subdistrict of Highland Park. It was named for the garbanzo beans that once flourished there.

The two bridges that connect Los Angeles to South Pasadena originate in Garvanza. The railroad bridge has been rebuilt twice since the early part of the last century, and the York Street bridge, one of the most picturesque that span the Arroyo Seco, was built to replace a small wooden toll bridge that became too rickety to support the ever increasing traffic between South Pasadena and Los Angeles. The toll house still exists on the South Pasadena side.

The historic Judson Studios, built in 1911, is located in Garvanza on Avenue 66. The studio created much of the remarkable stained glass that graces Craftsman and Mission structures throughout Southern California including the Frank Lloyd Wright homes in California.

Garvanza, along with South Pasadena and Pasadena, is generally considered to be the birthplace of the Arts & Crafts movement in Southern California.